

ARTICLE 4: GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT

The geographic scope of this Agreement shall be between United States Atlantic and Gulf ports and inland points served via such ports and ports and points in Aruba, Bonaire, ~~and~~ Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, and Venezuela (the "Trade").

ARTICLE 5: AGREEMENT AUTHORITY

(1) The signatories, through their membership or through duly designated representatives (which may include one or more member lines of each of the signatories), may confer and meet together jointly or with one another to discuss the following matters, and to commission, prepare, issue and circulate joint reports and statements relating thereto:

(a) The signatories are authorized, but not required, to meet, exchange information or otherwise discuss their separate tariffs, general rate levels, service items, rules and service contracts, in the trade. The authority of the signatories includes, discussion and consideration, of all aspects of transportation and service in the trade, including general rate levels, charges, classifications, practices, terms, conditions and rules and regulations applicable to transportation of cargo in the Trade and to service provided in connection therewith, notice periods for changing rates, service items, port-to-port rates, overland rates, mini-land-bridge rates, interior point intermodal rates, proportional rates, through rates, inland portions of through rates, joint rates, minimum rates, surcharges, arbitraries, volume rates, time/volume rates, project rates, freight-all-kinds rates, volume incentive programs, loyalty arrangements of fidelity commission systems, conforming to the antitrust laws of the United States, consolidation, consolidation allowances, rates on commodities exempt from tariff filing, absorptions, equalization, substituted (alternate port) services, allowances, freight forwarder compensation, brokerage, the conditions determining such compensation or brokerage and the payment thereof, receiving, handling, storing, and delivery of cargo, designation of base ports and points, pick up and delivery charges, free time practices, detention, demurrage, container depots, terminals and other points of cargo receipt, vanning, devanning, furnishing equipment to or leasing equipment from shippers/consignees/inland carriers/others, collection